City of Lafayette Staff Report

For: Lafayette City Council

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Meeting Date: February 25, 2008

Subject: Ordinance No. 564 revising Chapter 3-9, Gas Shut-Off Devices of the Lafayette Municipal Code

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On November 13, 2007, the City Council held a public hearing on Ordinance No. 564. At the meeting, a member of the public raised an objection to the installation of gas shut-off devices as currently required by the Municipal Code. Just prior to the meeting, staff was informed that the Board of Realtors could not participate in a public education campaign at the level previously expected by the City. The Council directed the Emergency Preparedness Commission to review and consider these two issues and return with their comments and recommendations.

The Commission deliberated on these matters and forwarded their recommendations to Planning staff on February 14, 2008. They have indicated that the responsibility for mounting a public education campaign is outside their area of competence and are recommending that installation of gas shut-off devices when buildings are sold be included in Ordinance No. 564. Given this recommendation, a new legal ad must be published for Ordinance No. 564. Staff recommends that Ordinance No. 564 be withdrawn from the agenda without consideration. An introduction and public hearing will be scheduled for future City Council meetings once proper public notice is provided.

Recommendation: Withdraw Ordinance No. 564 without consideration.